Dumba Letter Surprise To Department of State

Officials Have Yet to Receive Note Which Ambassador Addressed to Secretary Lansing—Denial Is Made of at Least One Charge of Discredited Envoy.

calling the attention of its citizens resident in this and other foreign countries to the severe penalties they

resident in this and other foreign countries to the severe penalties they would incur by participating in the manufacture of munitions for the countries with which Germany is at war. As a result of the proclamation, and perhaps also from a natural impulse of loyalty, some hundreds of German citizens, who are engineers and skilled mechanics, promptly surrendered their positions in American munition factories, as others had previously done from like patriotic motives. They could probably see no distinction in principle or effect between accomplishing the slaughter of their countrymen in this way and taking up arms against them, except that the former method would be more effective than the latter.

I was subsequently advised by my government of the issuance by it of a similar proclamation, in which attention was also directed to paragraph 327 of our military penal code, under which (in addition to the provisions of our civil code) the engaging or continuence in such activities

visions of our civil code) the engag-ing or continuance in such activities by our citizens in foreign countries is

made a crime punishable by imprisonment for from ten to twenty years and under certain circumstances by death.

Asks, Suspension.

I thereupon made strong represen-

tations to my government for a sus-

pension of the operation of this law

against citizens of Austria-Mungary resident in this country and urged,

in support of my plea, the following,

1. That whereas the German work-

men were in the main prosperous, highly trained specialists and inc-

chanics, whose services were greatly

sought in other trades, our citizens

in those factories were largely poorly paid, unskilled laborers, most of whom were unable to read or write any language other than their cwn, who were working under conditions of unspeakable hardship and who would find it difficult, if not impossible to secure other employment

sible, to secure other employment and who had not the means of sub-sistence for themselves or their

2. That it would be harsh to de-

among other considerations:

Surprise at the action of Ambassador Dumba in making public a letter to Secretary of State Lansing before the letter reached that official, was expressed by Government officials today and denial was made of at least one of the charges made by the Austro-Hungarian envoy. The Dumba letter had not been received by the State Department today, and only the published text was available.

One of the bitterest complaints made by Dr. Dumba was that the Government had discriminated against him in refusing him the right to communicate with his home office, while the allied envoys were given privileges of uncensored communication with their governments. His specific charge was as fol-

"I have not been allowed to advise my government that I do not admit having conspired to do any act in violation of the laws of the country to which I am accredited. The message that I sought to have transmitted to that effect was rejected by your cen-

At the Navy Department today it was said that no message of this character from Dr. Dumba to his home govern-ment had been rejected. No officials would go into detail in discussion of Dr. Dumba's charge because they said his letter had been addressed to Secre-tary Lansing and inquiry regarding the charges therein made would have to be

addressed to that official.

It was emphatically stated, however, that the Navy Department had not received a report of the rejection of a Dumba message.

Officials were confident that Lieut. C. R. Clark, the naval censor at the Sayville radio station, would communi-cate fully with Washington before re-

jecting any such message.

Aside from this denial, officials would not discuss the Dumba letter today. Aside from declaring the letter was interesting. Secretary Lansing last night declined to comment.

Dr. Dumba's Letter. Dr. Dumba's letter, which is dated

September 17. follows, in part: I teg to acknowledge the receipt of your note of the 8th instant inclosing cory of a message forwarded by you by cable to the minister for foreign affairs of my government. In conformity with my promise, I am sending you herewith what purports to be a correct translation that I procured to be made of the memorandum that

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of August 21, addressed to the Auatro-Hungarian minister of foreign
affairs, which was intrusted to Mr.
Archibald.

As I do not read or understand
the Hungarian language, I have to
rely on the translator for its correctness. It was not put into code, for
the reason that the German version
was not received until the morning
of the salling of the Rotterdam, on
August 21.

In your message to my government
your excellency says in effect, among

your excellency says in effect, among other things, to which I beg to take exception, that I confessed to having conspired to bring about strikes in American munition works.

Message Permitted.

As the Austro-Hungarian ambassador is and has been for many months past in the phenomenal position of being unable to communicat? privately with his government, although our enemies are and have been permitted freely to use the cables for their secret code dispatches without censorship. I have, by the grace of your department, now been permitted to communicate with my government through the German embassy, but to the extent only of asking for leave of absence to the end that I may in person explain my position, and meantime to suspend judgment upon the charges contained in your excellency's message, and am now awaiting a reply. I have not even been allowed to advise my government that I do not admit having conspired to do any act in violation of the laws of the country to which I am accredited, and whose hospitality I have enjoyed and have in no way abused. The message that I sought to have transmitted to that effect was rejected by your censor, as hereafter explained. In some unaccountable way this confidential message was communicated to the press and has been published.

Can't Question Power. patches without censorship, I have,

Can't Question Power.

I, of course, do not and cannot I, of course, do not and cannot question the power of the Government of the United States to dismiss me by handing me my passports and assuring me safe conduct home without assigning any reason therefor, or on such grounds as it may deem sufficient without regard to my opinion as to its justice. When, however, your Government sees fit to resort to the extraordinary and to me humiliating course of preferring charges against me to my government, without advising me of the intended action or even intimating that such action is contemulated, and to request my recall upon these charges as confesed, while at the same time refusing me permission even to communicate privately with my government. I respectfuly protest against such action as unjust to me and contrary to diplomatic usage.

Inasmuch as the text of your message as furnished by you to the press has been published broadcast throughout this and foreign countries without my having been afforded the opportunity of reply or explanation, I take the liberty of herewith submitting an outline of the circumstances under which I acted and the reasons for my action in forwarding to the Austro-Hungarian minister for foreign affairs the letter of August 21, which was the occasion for your excellency's message, and respectfully request that you will assist me securing for this comunication the same publicity as was given to your excellency's message of September 8 to my government. question the power of the Govern-

Summarization of Facts. The facts may be briefly sumarizotd as follows: The German government issued a

proclamation by wireless message

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clare them criminals and outlaws without first providing the necessary machinery for acquainting them with the fact that they were violating the laws of their country and that as there is no official record of these citizens extant, this would require time and an educational campaign by personal contact and explanation and through the newspapers published in this country in the foreign languages with which they are familiar.

Agencies Needed.

3. That it would be necessary, also, before enforcing such provisions, to arrange for employment agencies, through which other employment might promptly be secured for those who were thus bereft of the means of livelihood and to provide for them meantime.

I urged that in the absence of such measures these people would become public charges upon the communities here or find themselves compelled to rejoin the industrial army of their country's enemies in army of their country's enemies in order to avoid starvation for themselves and their families. My government, however, concluded that the same measure of loyalty might justly be exacted from its citizens in this country as from those at home, and that as circumstances had prevented the former returning to their country to defend it against the enemy on the field of battle, which would have been their sworn duty if it had been possible, the least that could be expected from them was that they should refrain from actively contributing to the from actively contributing to the success of the enemy by manufactur-ing the weapons for the slaughter of their brethren, who were shedding their blood upon the sacred altar of their country their country

Has No Apologies.

I ask you in all fairness, was ever an ambassador in a neutral country confronted with such a situation. created and enforced by the government to which he is accredited, while the ambassadors representing enemies of his country have unlimited means of secret communications? It has made it literally impossible for me to communicate privately with my government. Under such conditions I have no apologies to offer for having intrusted my letter to Mr. Archibald. If the conveying of letters to Europe by Americans traveling abroad rope by Americans traveling abroad during this war is an offense, it is one of which most Americans are apparently ignorant, as the courtesy has frequently been volunteered by my friends and is habitually practiced. It did not for a moment occur to me that it was improper, nor am I yet able to see it in that light, having regard to the entirely legitimate purpose I had in mind in the line of the performance of my duty. Permit me, in conclusion, to say that I have only the most pleasant recollections of the treatment I have received at the hands of the American people until the happening of

this unfortunate incident, and that I this unfortunate incident, and that I am too familiar with your institutions to entertain any grievance against your people or to hold them in any way accountable for the unspeakable abuse to which I have been subjected by the sensational and irresponsible section of your press. Fortunately for your great people, they know, as I do, how to appraise such attacks at their true value.

who was recently elected commanderin-chief of the United Spanish War

Spanish Veterans Begin
Plans to Honor Col. Dyer

A reception to Col. L. C. Dyer, Missouri Congressman and member of the First District of Columbia Volunteer Infantry in the Spanish war, who was recently elected commander.

Women Aid Drug Fiends.

Beer a Fertilizer.

LANGDON, N. D., Sept. 19.—Beer as a fertilizer for lawns is being tried in Cavalier county, fifteen barrels being poured on the court house grass here under the orders of District Judge Kneeshaw.

Veterans at the Scranton convention, is to be given a reception G. A. R. week by the company.

The reception will take the form of a banquet and army campfire at Costello's Hall, Sixth and G streets northunder the orders of District Judge Kneeshaw.

Family of Three Sent to Pen: Mother Gets Longest

TOWANDA, Pa., Sept. 19,-It is not often a whole family lands in the peni-tentiary, but that is what happened to Mr. and Mrs. John Wheeler and son Fred, of Orwell township, convicted in Bradfoard county courts of conspiracy and arson of their home to get the in-surance.

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